

# British Move Into Burma

## Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor  
ALEX. H. WASHBURN

### Last Call for Christmas Cheer

Around the Town

The Goodfellows Christmas Cheer fund stood at \$332.80 yesterday, against a quota of \$400. Dr. E. S. Richards and his committee named by the Hope Ministerial Alliance will wind up the campaign this week-end.

## Army Bombers Blast Jap Base on Kiska Island

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Army heavy bombers blasted Japan's base on Kiska Island in the Aleutians with explosives on December 17, the Navy announced today, causing heavy explosions and starting fires.

Navy Communiqué No. 225 said: "North Pacific

"1. On December 17 a force of Army 'Liberator' heavy bombers (consolidated B-24) attacked Japanese shore installations on the island of Kiska. Heavy explosions and fires were observed.

"South Pacific (all dates are east longitude.)

"2. On December 18 Army 'Flying Fortresses' (B-17), with fighter escort, carried out two bombing attacks against enemy installations in the Munda area of New Guinea Island. Results were not reported."

Elsewhere in the Southwest Pacific war zone.

The Navy's announcement yesterday disclosed that seven more Japanese supply ships, transports and tankers have been sent to the bottom by United States submarines operating at T. week door.

Ground fire in New Guinea heightened as American and Australian troops fought their way in toward the last Japanese footholds at the Buna government station and landing strip. Bombers pounded relentlessly at the survivors of a Japanese landing Dec. 14 in the Kumusiambare river area 44 miles up the coast.

## Oil Interest Is Turned to McKamie Line

Stamps, Ark., Dec. 19.—Special to the Hope Star.—With only one test drilling in Lafayette county, oil interest has been turned to the McKamie field where progress is being made towards completion of pipe lines connecting the wells of that area and the Arkansas Power and Light Company's new Power plant near Stamps, to the McKamie Gas Cleaning plant located on the Jorndelux land south of McKamie.

It is expected that tests will be made towards completion of the plant which will desulphurize and sweeten the sour gas produced from the McKamie field wells, since some movements have been made towards closing down of wells in that area by the Ark. Oil and Gas Commission. Strong opposition was expressed by Carter and the Atlantic Oil Companies that the wells be shut down Wednesday at the hearing before the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission in El Dorado. These companies declared the distillate being produced in the pool was needed to help the movement of oil to the east coast. Both companies also contended that the manpower problem created by closing the fields would be serious. Experienced crews would leave the area and upon reopening the companies might have to use inexperienced workers to handle the position. No action has been taken on the question as yet, both companies promised to hasten work on the completion of the desulphurization plant to utilize the gas.

The Midway field of this county has the lone operation now drilling. It is Southwest Oil Company's Hodnett No. 7 C SW NE of section 18-15-23 which has a depth of 6000 feet. The outcome of the test should be known next week. Another interesting wildcat test just across the line in Nevada county is Hunt Oil Co. et al Stamps Land No. 1 C NW NE section 35-14-23 its depth is below 3600 feet. Information coming was being done this week.

Your (Greek) courage and spirit in adversity remain a lively inspiration of the United Nations. Armed forces of Greece once again are in the field. They are anxious for the day—not far off—when they will be with you, avenging your present sufferings.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Britain.

## Working on Plan to Give East Coast More Gas

—Washington

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The eastern seaboard's gasoline tap, ordered closed to an emergency trickle, appeared likely to be turned on again Monday but with prospects that the flow of motor fuel will be thinner than the old rationing volume.

The Office of Price Administration which shut off gasoline purchases at noon yesterday to the average motorist in 17 eastern states and the District of Columbia, sought to work out today what Price Administrator Leon Henderson termed "a thoroughly integrated plan" to replace the drastic suspension.

"And we hope," said Henderson last night, "to be able to announce it by Sunday and put it into effect Monday morning."

OPA officials indicated the new plan at least will eliminate some of the inequities resulting from the temporary order. But in view of Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes' announcement that gasoline distribution in the east will be cut nearly 20 per cent during the rest of December and about 25 per cent next month, it was expected that forthcoming rationing restrictions will be more severe than before.

## Civilians to Find Little Train Space

Chicago, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Civilians planning trips on the nation's railroads during the Christmas holiday period will find shortage of space "on practically every train."

George A. Kelly, vice president of the Pullman company, said today. At the same time, Kelly said that the traveling public has been complaining with the railroads and Army in allowing the lines to give preference to troop movements and to other duties in connection with the war effort. Because of the increasing strain on existing railroad equipment, civilians recently were urged not to make any unnecessary train trips during the month extending to Jan. 12.

Kelly said it was "a compliment to the good sense and cooperation of the traveling public that the shift from peace to war travel, giving troops the right of way, has been accomplished smoothly and without panic or hysteria."

## Answers to Question on Deferrals

By JAMES MARLOW and GEORGE IELKE

Washington, Dec. 19.—Answering some of your questions:

Local draft boards are free to set up their own standards in deciding whether a farm worker is essential and therefore to be deferred in 2-C or 3-C, the new agricultural classifications under Selective Service.

That fancy mathematical formula worked out by the Agriculture Department, with approval by the War Manpower Commission, may strike your board as being too complicated. If so, it has the word of the WMC that it can vary the formula (which says that if you produce 16 "war units" you're essential; or figure out its own).

As to workers in war industries: Pending installation of the Manning table plan (which may take several months), employers may draw up so-called replacement schedules for guidance of local boards. These forms are to list jobs in a plant in the order in which the employer believes his men should be inducted if the need arises, and to list the length of time required to train replacements for them.

There seems to be considerable misunderstanding of some of the principles of the salary and wage controls. Principal misconception relates to the kinds of raises which can be given without approval of the Treasury or War Labor Board. The regulations say that raises for promotions, for merit and for length of service can be handed out, without getting approval, in cases where there is an established agreement or rate schedule. Otherwise, approval must be obtained beforehand.

However, one of the illustrations in the Treasury's printed explanation shows that an employee who is

## British Move to Within 19 Miles of Sirte in Chase After Rommel

—Africa

London, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The British chase of Nazi Marshal Rommel's retreating army rolled swiftly westward today and the Moroccan radio reported that vanguards of the pursuers were within 19 miles of Sirte, 155 miles beyond El Agheila, starting point of the current drive, and only 240 miles from Tripoli.

The British communiqué said only that Axis forces continued their flight yesterday on the road to Tripoli under day-long ground and air blows.

The only gauge of the speed of General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's forces was that the enemy had abandoned Zautia on Nofilia, 100 miles airline west of El Agheila, and that Allied air forces had moved onto an advanced base to harass Rommel's column in the Sultia area more than 30 miles further west.

The Morocco broadcast said advance units of the Eighth Army had been in heavy fighting with Rommel's rear guard 55 miles west of Zautia on Nofilia on Thursday. Across the enemy's narrowing foothold in North Africa, the in-

## Mississippi Is Tamed by Flood Control

By EDWARD AGNAC

New Orleans, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The mighty Mississippi, now carrying the greatest freight burden in its history, has been tamed and flood control officials say it will go no longer on its annual spring rampages, taking lives and causing millions of dollars damage.

Senator John Overton (D-La.) President of the Mississippi Flood Control Association, said in an interview that man's ingenuity and engineering genius had evolved a system of banks, spillways and cut-offs, which will take the greatest blows that old man river can give.

Here for the annual meeting of the association, Overton said the total cost of the project would exceed a billion dollars but that the benefits through the years would be many times that amount.

With work on the project underway for several years to plug the danger spots, only \$20,000,000 will be needed to bring it to completion, Overton said, and he expressed hope Congress would appropriate that sum at its coming session.

With parts of the work already finished, strengthening of levees wherever need remains is going forward. And Overton said that further appropriations and a favorable priorities rating should enable completion in the near future.

"Main line levees need strengthening from the Arkansas to the Red river," he said, "and when they are completed the height will be four feet above the highest stage reached in the disastrous 1927 flood, one of the worst in history."

"The river is now carrying more commerce than ever in its history and when the flood control work is completed it will be as safe as human ingenuity and engineering genius can make it."

Other speakers who will address the association include Lieutenant General Eugene Reybold, chief of army engineers, and Lieut. Gen. Brechon Somervell, chief of service of supply.

The association is made up of levee boards of Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana.

## Ex-Resident of Hope Dies at Texarkana

Charles Westerman, 61, former Star employee and resident of Hope, died at his home in Texarkana yesterday after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday with burial in Ozan Cemetery.

"About noon," the clerk said. "Why?"

He explained he had left home with his lunch and a package of Christmas cards and arrived at work with the cards.

Surplus

Seattle—Two wives are two too many, believes Corp. Ralph Weber, 30, who obtained a divorce and an annulment in supreme court.

He explained to the court that he married wife No. 2 in the belief that wife No. 1 had obtained a divorce.

"You were a bit careless," remarked the judge.

## Eddie Rickenbacker Reunited With Wife

Washington, Dec. 10 (AP)—Mrs. Eddie Rickenbacker, who never lost faith that her husband would return to her, was reunited today with the flying ace.

Mrs. Rickenbacker greeted Captain Rickenbacker when he landed here after a flight from the Pacific coast, where he had embraced his 79-year-old mother, Mrs. Eva Rickenbacker.

Two sons, David and William, also were at Bolling Field to greet the flyer, who drifted around the Pacific for three weeks after his plane was forced down on an official mission.

Lieut. Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the Army Air Forces, and Robert A. Lovett, assistant secretary of war, greeted Rickenbacker in behalf of Secretary Stimson.

Col. Hans Adamson, who was forced down with Rickenbacker, also was aboard the plane from Los Angeles, and was greeted by his wife. He left the field in an ambulance.

## R. M. Briant, Pioneer Hope Man, Succumbs

R. M. Briant 75, vice-president of the Citizens National Bank pioneer business man of Hope, died at his home here yesterday afternoon. He had been in ill health about a year.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p. m. Sunday at the First Methodist Church of which he was a member of the board of Stewards for 45 years.

He was an extensive property owner and helped organize the Citizens National Bank at Hope under company, of which he was a director. His holdings included many farms throughout Hempstead county. He had lived in Hope 58 years.

He is survived by his widow and the following nieces and nephews: Miss Fay Briant of Albuquerque, N. M., W. E. Briant, Mrs. Claude Waddle, Mrs. Kathleen McLarty, Mrs. Sue Sanford, Mrs. Katherine Landwehr, William Briant, all of Hope, Mrs. May O'Brien of Shreveport, Mrs. Lucille Peterson of Harlingen, Texas and Charles Briant of U. S. Army.

Active pallbearers: N. T. Jewell, W. E. White, R. M. LaGrone, Jr., Syd McMath, R. L. Broach, T. S. Cornelius, LaGrone Williams, Paul Cornelius of Fulton.

Honorary: A. L. Black, R. M. LaGrone, Sr., C. C. Spragins, S. B. Reed, K. G. McRae, John S. Gibson, W. P. Agee, T. R. Billingsley, J. A. Haynes, John Barlow, Dr. P. B. Carrigan, O. L. Reed, Dr. Charles Champlin, Steve Carrigan, Lloyd Spencer, Harry Lemley, Kendall Lemley, E. O. Wingfield, Tom McLarty, R. T. White, Charles Harrell, Robert Wilson, F. R. Johnson, L. F. Higginson, W. A. Lewis, Floyd Porterfield, J. P. Brundidge, Chester Lester and Dale Jones.

## Farmer Bombed From Under Ground

Chickasha, Okla. (AP)—Hoot Tucker thought the day of aerial bombing had struck in Oklahoma. He was shucking corn and minding his own business on a farm near Tabler when there was a terrific blast nearby, a big hole was torn in the ground, and flames spouted 20 feet high.

Tucker's team ran away. He admitted he felt like doing the same thing but he had to investigate, found a high-pressure natural gas line had burst.

## Flashes of Life

By The Associated Press

Rationing Frozen

Philadelphia—Six thousand north side homes were still a little worried when the fuel rationing office closed its doors.

"It's only temporary," a clerk explained, sneezing. "We forgot to ration for ourselves. The office is just too chilly."

Parcel Post Luncheon

Gettysburg, Pa.—A workman hurried into the postoffice and asked when a mailbox near his home would be opened.

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## Luftwaffe Seeks to Aid Hard-Hit Nazis in Russia

—Europe

By EDDY GILMORE

Moscow, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Major air battles were fought on the Stalingrad front today as the German air force sought to relieve the hard-pressed Nazi army between the Don and Volga rivers with mass bombings, while all along the battle line German troops were reported counterattacking bitterly.

The German aerial blows failed to dislodge Red Army men from their positions, and their ground activity resulted in heavy losses to the Axis legions the Russians claimed.

Infantry and tanks were massed in the struggle southwest of Stalingrad, near Kotelnikowski, with the Germans offering some of the heaviest fighting of the campaign, and there was no letup in the bloody tempo on the central front, west of Rzhev and along the Rzhev, Vyazma railway.

The Soviet Midday communiqué spoke of waves of German counterattacks west of Rzhev, all of which were reported repelled, and another sector of that battle-ground the Russians said their units stormed through barbed wire entanglements to the enemy's advanced positions.

"In the Rzhev - Vyazma area, the Germans are striving to stem the advance of our units and are constantly launching counterattacks by infantry and tanks," the war bulletin reported.

Dispatches from the front said that the German high command continued to pour transport planes into the Stalingrad area. Eight of them were shot down and one was captured at the very gates of Stalingrad, the Russians said.

The Russian winter offensive began one month ago today and German counterattacks have been mounting in number and ferocity in the last 10 days. The Russians have been acknowledged several temporary Axis successes, but they maintain that the Germans nowhere have gained ground.

## Soldiers Want Peace—Poll of Camp Reveals

Luke Field, Ariz., Dec. 10.—(AP)—Some of the boys at this huge army field would like to find the scalps of Hitler, Hirohito and Mussolini in their Christmas stockings, and others want everything from breakfast in bed to an introduction to General Douglas MacArthur, but the great majority of them are far more serious.

Ninety-eight percent gave as their first choice of a Christmas gift: Peace—with victory.

Public relations officers, wondering just what men in the ranks would choose as the gift of gifts, conducted a letter-to-Santa contest, and found the average soldier surprisingly serious-minded.

"He's grown somewhat beyond cartoons of cigarettes and pairs of socks," said Maj. Fred R. Donaldson. "Instead he's thinking about the rest of the world."

Winner of the contest was Sgt. Louis E. Nyberg, Washington, D. C., a squadron clerk. He started off his list with a bit of philosophizing.

"I am like so many thousands of persons in these United States, I like to read and write what I please. I have always voted the straight Republican ticket and read the funny papers on Sunday. I believe in God and go to church, not because it is the conventional thing to do—I find peace and solace in church. Just Mr. Average American! My way of life is simple, but in its simplicity lies its charm."

Sergeant Nyberg wanted:

1. The war to end immediately.
2. The United States to be victorious.
3. A world congress to be everlasting peace.
4. A true, workable Democratic United States.
5. Universal brotherly love.

He won a three-day pass and a chance to visit a Hollywood movie studio.

Pvt. Benjamin L. Rush, address ungiven, the runner-up, expressed the desire to visit a wonder girl in Hollywood—his wife—and added:

"My feet are flat, ain't got no gas, but I shore would like that three-day pass."

The American people have the most profound faith in their Navy's ability to sweep in their miles from the sea. The Navy is doing the biggest job in history and doing it superbly.

—President Roosevelt.

The U. S. Department houst for bees It has three stories.

## Meet Little Opposition in 40-Mile Advance

—War in Pacific

New Delhi, Dec. 19.—(AP)—British troops have crossed the Indian border and advanced some 40 miles into Japanese-occupied Burma to the Maundaw-Buthidaung area, about 60 miles northwest of Akyab on the Bay of Bengal, the British announced today.

The British advance, started after a terrific aerial bombardment of Japanese positions between the Indian border and Akyab, was made without opposition. Japanese forces withdrew, before the approaching British, the communiqué said.

Both British and United States planes have been blasting Japanese concentrations between the Indian frontier and Akyab for a week.

While there was nothing to indicate that the British thrust was part of a general Allied offensive, the action did put the initiative in Allied hands at least temporarily for the first time since the Japanese occupied Akyab last May.

There was no indication of the size of Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell's attacking Army, and the communiqué did not disclose whether American and Chinese units were taking part in the action.

Wavell, commander-in-chief of British forces in India, launched his attack—the first step toward the promised reconquest of the former British protectorate—as the monsoon season ended, permitting large scale operations.

The monsoon period had held the India-Burma front in a state of stabilization for six months. There was no immediate explanation as to why the Japanese chose not to defend the positions they had built along the border.

"During the past few days," the British communiqué said, "some of our troops have advanced southward from the Arakan border into western Burma and occupied the Maundaw-Buthidaung area about 60 miles northwest of Akyab."

The enemy, who had been in occupation of this area since our withdrawal from Burma and had prepared defenses withdrew without offering opposition."

The British thrust obviously was aimed at Akyab, an important Burma port which was occupied by the Japanese May 8, winding up to all practical purposes the campaign in Burma.

For the second day in succession the RAF yesterday attacked the Japanese-occupied village of Rathedaung, about half-way between Maundaw and Akyab. Heavy damage was inflicted on the village and fires were left burning.

Fighter planes swept down the Mayu river, searching out Japanese concentrations. The Mayu flows into the Bay of Bengal a few miles north of Akyab.

Akyab was hit by bombers last night, but the results of the raid were not announced.

Brig. Gen. Clayton L. Bissell, commander of the United States Air Forces in China, Burma and India, disclosed only yesterday that the United States 4th air force based in India had gone out on as many as 14 raiding operations in one day during the past week without the loss of a single plane by enemy action.

Akyab is only 300 air miles from ia ne apJb esni00n11, 4ra idi ngo Calcutta, India, and in Japanese hands it always would be a potential threat to a base for a Japanese attack on India.

The fortress raids on Munda carried the attacks against the Japanese air base threat to the American field on Guadacanal island through their ninth day.

The raid on Kiska in the Aleutians was the first reported since December 11, a lapse of six days presumably explained by the prevalence of extremely bad weather in the North Pacific at this season of the year.

Wavell's thrust into Burma did not follow the route a Gen. Sir Harold Alexander's fighting retreat along the Chindwin river through northern Burma to the Assam border.

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**Hollywood**  
By ROBBIN COONS  
Wide World Features Writer  
Hollywood Glamour factory  
of war.  
There is nothing official about it  
but Hollywood is already considering  
the delicate sensibilities of its  
rationed customers.  
Just as the movies have stopped  
infuriating their rubber-conscious  
fans with chase scenes involving  
screaming automobile tires, they  
are going to spare them the deli-  
cious torment of scenes involving  
pre-war eating.  
One studio, devoted mainly to  
the cowboy drama, already has  
taken the bull by the horns—  
or would it could find a bull. It's  
going to cut down the size of the  
thundering herds of cattle seen in  
its operas. It doesn't want to tan-  
talize the customers with such  
lovely visions of steak-on-the-  
hoof.  
It's a good thing that DeMille is  
going to do "The Story of Dr. Was-  
sell" instead of one of his fables  
of ancient Babylon. In Dr. Was-  
sell's heroic exploit there weren't  
any leasfs. The combination of De-  
Mille and ancient history just nat-  
urally calls for scenes of wild gor-  
ing on fatted beef, succulent pheas-  
ant, and rich red meat—enough to  
drive a ration-conscious house-  
wife to tears and her spouse to  
drooling.  
To a lady who has combed the  
markets with a dream of ripe, lus-  
cious steak (and probably not  
found it), producers realize it  
would be maddening if not cruel to  
display on the screen a couple of  
movie stars from the boiler—with  
sizzler hot from the broiler—with  
sound effects. If meat-rationing  
comes, such a scene could easily  
start a riot. There's a lady in the  
new "Michael Shayne" who does  
on steak, but they don't show her  
eating it. They talk about her ap-  
petite enough to "plant" her ulti-  
mate end—choking to death on a  
piece of it. Propaganda against  
steak, no doubt.  
I can think of a lot of pictures  
that would stand cutting if shown  
today. "Henry the Eighth," for one  
—those hosts of Hank tearling whole  
hunks of beef asunder and tossing  
the bones over his shoulder. For  
another, "Talk of the Town," with  
Cary Grant wolfing the provender  
Jean Arthur brings to his attic  
hideout. And "Song of the Islands,"  
with the lute and that 40-pound  
roast pig, borned and crackling,  
with an apple in his snout—in  
technicolor! If they revived "In  
Old Arizona," who wouldn't get  
slightly frenzied over that famous  
close-up of a frying egg.  
But there's one movie scene that  
ought to be very popular indeed.  
You can catch it in "The Gold  
Rush,"—the sequence of Chap-  
lin cooking and eating his worn  
old boot.  
What I'm really worried about,  
though, is Porky Pig. If bacon gets  
any scarcer, Leon Schlesinger  
might have to keep Porky under  
wraps for the duration.

**Razorbacks Capture  
Sixth Cage Victory**  
Springfield, Mo., Dec. 19—(AP)—  
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STAY BUT A  
MINUTE--ER  
LESS!  
THE TORTURE CHAMBER  
J.R. WILLIAMS 12-19

**OUR BOARDING HOUSE**  
with . . . Major Hoople  
IT'S PAST  
MIDNIGHT!  
WHAT  
IF THAT  
BIG COOT  
LED US  
OUT  
HERE ON  
A SNIPE  
HUNT?  
IF HE DID,  
THAT BOOTLEG  
COFFEE  
WILL PUT HIM  
IN THE CAGE  
SO LONG THE  
WARDEN  
WILL THINK  
HE'S AN  
HEIRLOOM!  
EGAD! THIS DAMP NIGHT AIR  
CHILLS THE MARROW OF A MAN'S  
BONES! KAFF-KAFF! IS THAT  
THE THUGS' CAR I HEAR  
APPROACHING? GREAT  
CAESAR! SUPPOSE THEY TRADE  
BULLETS WITH THE POLICE, WITH  
ME IN THE MIDDLE LIKE  
MUSSOLINI?  
HE  
ALSO HEARS HIS  
KNEES AND TEETH  
12-19

**Help Wanted**  
BOY ABOUT 14 TO DELIVER  
papers each afternoon. Route of  
114 papers already established.  
Will pay from \$8 to 9 per week.  
Boy must be good worker. Ap-  
ply HOPE STAR.  
OPENINGS FOR GIRLS WHO CAN  
write 50 words a minute on the  
typewriter and would like to move  
to Hot Springs for typewriter work.  
Pay is 30c an hour while learn-  
ing, and 35c to 40 an hour after  
speed is acquired. Overtime for  
all over 40-hour week. Typewriter  
keyboard is same as typewriter  
keyboard. If interested, come to  
Hope Star office for interview.

**Found**  
TRUCK CERTIFICATE IN NAME  
Coy East. Rosson. May claim  
same at Star office. 18-3th

**Real Estate For Sale**  
16-ACRE FARM. THREE BRICK  
buildings, three frame buildings,  
water system and sewerage, city  
lights. Apply at my house on  
Highway 29 North. A. C. More-  
land. 18-2tp

**Notice**  
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ORDER  
Christmas gift magazine sub-  
scriptions. See Charles Reyn-  
ner at city hall. 15-9tc

**PLUMBING & HEATING RE-  
pairs.** R. L. Ponder, 1012 Foster  
Ave. Phone 650-W. 18-6tp

**Wash Tubbs**  
Speak Up, Easy  
By Roy Crane  
THAT DANCER, MONA,  
SHE GAVE ME  
THREE SHILLINGS TO  
FOLLOW ON ONE, IS NOT  
SHE DID! NO MATTER 'OW  
LYTE IT IS, SHE WANTS  
YOU TO COME TO 'ER  
FLAT THIS EVENING  
FROM WHOM?  
NOW TALK IT EASY,  
GUINORI! I'VE GOT  
DONE ANY ARM  
'AVE I? I GOT A  
MESSAGE FOR  
YOU  
OKAY, MY FRIEND,  
WHY WERE YOU FOLLOW-  
ING US?  
POPEYE  
POOEE! WHO CARES  
ABOUT A RUDDER?  
WE'LL BE ALL-  
RIGHT IF WE 'AVE  
A COURSE  
IT ALSO WIPED OUT  
ALL OUR FOOD--EVERY-  
THING IS GONE  
400 MEAN?  
WE-ARE-FOODLESS?  
YAS, THEY  
AINT  
ABITE TO  
EAT  
MAN THE LIFEBOATS!!  
AUI, PIPE  
DOWN--  
WE'VE  
OKAY  
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**Popeye**  
"We Are Lost the Capt. Shouted!"  
THE BLAST RUINED  
OUR RUDDER, BUT  
WE'LL FLOAT  
OKAY  
POOEE! WHO CARES  
ABOUT A RUDDER?  
WE'LL BE ALL-  
RIGHT IF WE 'AVE  
A COURSE  
IT ALSO WIPED OUT  
ALL OUR FOOD--EVERY-  
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AINT  
ABITE TO  
EAT  
MAN THE LIFEBOATS!!  
AUI, PIPE  
DOWN--  
WE'VE  
OKAY  
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**Donald Duck**  
The Best of the Bargain.  
By Walt Disney  
12-19

**Blondie**  
Too Little and Too Late!  
By Chic Young  
ONE FOR  
YOU AND  
ONE FOR  
YOU  
AND ONE FOR  
YOU AND  
YOU AND  
YOU  
OH, I'M SORRY  
DADDY, THERE'S  
NONE LEFT  
FOR YOU  
12-19

**Boots and Her Buddies**  
Quiet!  
By Edgar Martin  
SETTE I  
APPROPRI-  
ATE YOUR  
DESIRE TO  
HELP  
IN THE  
WAR  
EFFORTS.  
BUT WORKING IN A  
PLANT IS NOT YOUR  
LINE  
WHY DON'T YOU GO  
DOWN TO THE  
SERVICE CENTER  
AND DANCE WITH  
THE SOLDIERS?  
BUT WHY CAN'T I  
WORK HERE,  
UNCLE  
BUFFIE?  
WHY?  
I'LL  
SHOW  
YOU  
WHY...  
THERE'S ONE  
OH BOY,  
TAK TAK  
YOO HOO  
12-19

**Red Ryder**  
A Bargain's a Bargain  
By V. T. Hamlin  
YOU DON'T RUN  
AWAY WITHOUT  
PAYIN' OFF--  
KID PEPPER!  
HONEST, CONBOY,  
I AIN'T GOT IT,  
I'M BUSTED!  
THEN WHY IN  
BLAZES DID YOU  
BET FIFTY  
DOLLARS YOU  
COULD WHIP  
ME?  
I WASN'T  
PLANNIN'  
ON LOSIN'  
WELL, YOU DID, AND YOU'VE  
WORK THAT BET OUT IN  
WAGES AT THE DUCHESSE'S  
RANCH, YOU'LL BE RICH!  
YOU EVER MET ME?  
AND  
VICE  
VERSA,  
RED!  
12-19

**Alley Oop**  
Pied Piper or Siren?  
By Fred Harman  
WELL, IF THATAINT  
HUNT FOR DINNY  
IS GONNA HAFTA  
WAIT...  
DREAMIN'  
OF A WHINE  
OF CHRISTMAS  
12-19  
UNTIL I  
GET TO THE  
BOTTOM...  
OF THE  
WOO-WOO  
CRASH  
WHOOEY!  
I'VE GOT TO  
THE BOTTOM  
OF THE  
PIN!  
12-19

**Freckles and His Friends**  
If the Shoe Fits—  
By Merrill Blosser  
HARD  
HAS  
RECEIVED  
PRESENT  
OF A  
PAIR OF  
SKATES.  
BUT THEY  
ARE TOO  
SMALL!  
YOU FINALLY  
GOT THE  
SKATES, DIDN'T  
YOU!  
YEAH--- BUT  
I'D LIKE TO  
EXCHANGE  
THEM FOR ONE  
SIZE LARGER!  
WHAT IS IT,  
HELEN?  
A GIRL WAS  
IN HERE AND  
LEFT A 50c  
DEPOSIT  
ON THESE  
SKATES! CAN  
WE HOLD  
THEM FOR TWO  
MONTHS?  
IS THAT ALL  
SHE HAD?  
YES--- SHE  
SPENT ALL THE  
REST ON A  
PRESENT FOR  
HER BOY FRIEND!  
AND WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING  
HIM, I BET HE ISN'T  
WORTH THE SACRIFICE!  
WHAT'S HER NAME?  
HILDA  
GRUBBLE!  
12-19



# SOCIETY

Daisy Dorothy Heard, Editor

Telephone 768

All society news must reach this office by 10 a. m. to insure publication the same day.

## Social Calendar

Tuesday, December 22nd

A meeting of the Cosmopolitan club will be held at the home of Mrs. Kelly Bryant with Mrs. George Newberry co-hostess, 8 o'clock.

## Surgical Dressing Rooms

Three thousand large bandages have been made during the past two weeks by volunteer workers at the Surgical Dressing unit of the Hempstead County Red Cross Production department.

Mrs. O. L. Reed, chairman, has announced that the rooms will be closed until January 5 in observance of the Christmas holidays. Workers are urged to report on that date to assist in filling the increased quota of bandages for this area.

## Methodist Church Christmas

Pageant to be at 7:30 p. m. The time of the Christmas pageant to be presented at the First Methodist church has been changed from 5:30 to 7:30 p. m. All church members are asked to bring White Christmas donations to the church school Sunday morning. The public is invited to attend this special Christmas service.

## Mrs. Malcolm Porterfield has Christmas Party for Friday Club

The Friday Contract Bridge club met at the home of Mrs. Malcolm Porterfield, Friday afternoon, for the annual Christmas party for the club members.

The home was artistically decorated in the Christmas motif with painted hedge berries, pine cones, smilax, and a beautiful Christmas tree. Gifts from all of the members was arranged about the tree.

Contract was played from two tables with Mrs. M. M. McCloughan and Mrs. Ted Jones receiving the high score. Mrs. J. V. Franklin was awarded the cut prize.

Following the spirited games the hostess served a delicious salad and dessert course to the members and one tea guests, Mrs. Floyd Porterfield.

## Christmas Party for Kindergarten Pupils

The kindergarten pupils of Miss Marie Purkins entertained with a Christmas Party on Friday morning, Dec. 18, 1942 for the pleasure of their mothers and grandmothers. The guests were greeted by Little Misses Judy Watkins, Kay Hankins, Mary Lewis, and Carolyn Long. The following program was enjoyed:

Processional "Opening Chorus—Santa Claus is Coming"

Enter Santa Claus, (Billie Wray) with his helpers, Oliver Adams, Jr., Betty Jean Wilver and Judy Beth Arnold.

"Christmas Greetings"—Dale Zinn.

Song by Pupils—"Way Up North"

Enter Mother Mary (Anne Adams) with Father Joseph (W. C.

Bruner, Jr.)

Duet: "Under the Stars"—Sandra Robins and Betsy Ross Spears. Song—"Away in a Manger". Selection by members of Rhythm band closing with "Silent Night".

Billie Wray, Drummer—Jimmie Haynes, Symbol. Mac McLean, Freddie Jones, Bill Thomas, Van Moore, Charles Bryan, William Perkins, Lyman Armstrong Jr., George Anderson, Jimmie Miller, Chris Cook, Billie Cooper, Dick Branch, Bonnie Wilver.

Carolyn Lowellen then presented Santa Claus and his helpers, who distributed gifts made by the pupils to the guests.

Guests were invited into the dining room by Caroline Sparks, Toni Thompson, Joe Anne Hartsfield and Elizabeth Ann Murphy. The serving table was centered with a miniature village snow scene with Santa approaching in his sleigh. This arrangement was surrounded by lighted Christmas tree and Snow Men candles. The young hosts and hostesses served dainty refreshments, carrying out the Christmas motif.

## Seasonal Festivities Enjoyed at Thursday Party

On Thursday evening, Miss Imogene Taylor was hostess to a number of friends at a Christmas party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Taylor.

Seasonal games and contests were followed by the exchange of gifts by the following:

Mrs. Fulton Amorette, Mrs. Ed Schooley, Mrs. Clyde Phillips, Mrs. Sylvia Fitzgerald, Miss Minnie Clark, Miss Zettie Ottwell, Mrs. Erbie Maroon, Mrs. Julian Spellers, Miss Martha Jane Eason, Miss Eudora Steadman, Mrs. W. M. Hargis, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Black and son, Joe.

A delicious dessert course was served during the evening.

## Coming and Going

Miss Marie Anloinette Williams arrived home Thursday from Texas State College for Women, Denton, to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Glen Williams, and other relatives and friends.

Miss Ruth Taylor is leaving today for Martin, Tenn., to spend the Christmas vacation.

After a visit with relatives and friends in the city, Miss Erma Jean Andrews has returned to her home in Houston. She was accompanied by Miss Lorian Braden.

Mrs. Lee Daggs and baby of Bukkie are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Tom Purvis has gone to Mitchell Field, N. Y. to see Sgt. Purvis.

Li. William Carrigan has been visiting relatives here.

Mrs. L. E. Singleton is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. R. M. Blakeley, and Dr. Blakeley in Little Rock.

Cpl. Carl S. Bryant, Jr. of Camp Perry, Ohio has been visiting relatives and friends in Fulton and Hope for the past several days.

Second Seaman J. W. Rogers of Camp Millington, Tenn. spent the

## Tulsa Hurricane Team Arrives in New Orleans

New Orleans, Dec. 19 —(AP)—Tulsa University's Golden Hurricane, first of the Bowl teams to get to the scene of its New Year's Day engagement, blows into town today for a look at the Sugar Bowl stadium and its only glimpse of the historic old French quarter until after the battle with Tennessee.

Rolling in by rail Sans followers on orders of transportation officials, the squad will be escorted to Tulane University to get acquainted with the 73,000 capacity surroundings. There will be no workout.

From there Sugar Bowl officials will take the Missouri Valley champions to Antoine's famous restaurant in the heart of the Vieux Carre where the Oklahomans will be introduced to such dishes as Creole Suetzies, oysters a La Rockefeller and pompano en papillote.

The Tulsons, who kept their football record clean during the regular season with a lot of home town routs, won't be without supporters down here where they grow pointers for Christmas.

The Fortier High school band, already trained in Hurricane tunes, will meet the boys today and will carry their part along with thousands of service men who are getting free tickets from Tulsa for the ninth annual classic.

Tulsa fans are kicking in with some of the money they would have spent on a trip here to let men in uniform who will root for their team. The young men's business club here also has purchased 3,000 of the 10,000 tickets available for service men at reduced prices.

With the fair ground racing program moved up to morning, it begins to look like hometowners and service men will fill the bowl, usually about half full of visitors from far and wide.

The Tulsons move on to Bay St. Louis, Miss., late today to open their training camp.

## Beau Jack Claims Piece of the Title

By SID FEDER

New York, Dec. 19 —(AP)—Beau Jack owns a piece of the world lightweight championship today because he is slightly acquainted with the Jersey bouncer.

Beau—Real name Sidney Walker—is a busy little Negro fighter out of the locker room of the Augusta (Ga.) National golf courses. He came up from Georgia to give the Jersey bouncer to a guy from Jersey last night. And he gave it to him. He flattened Tippy Larkin in the first round of 15—round before 18,117 of the faithful in Madison Square Garden.

What he left as a means of settling the confusion over the lightweight championship, which sprang up over Sammy Angott's bad action a few weeks ago, would make the bounce look like something out of Mozart.

All Jack did was to win himself that portion of the lightweight crown recognized in New York and New Jersey.

The National Boxing Association, for instance, says that, regardless of the New York State Commission, it will recognize only the winner of a national elimination tournament. Last night's shindig, says the NBA, is just the first step in that direction. And Maryland is about to recognize the survivor of a forthcoming fust between Willie Joyde, the Gary (Ind.) individualist, and Sluggo White, a Baltimore better with an idea about fighting that wouldn't be bad for a machine gun to copy.

There is no doubt that Beau gave Tippy the Jersey bounce last night. After flooring the slim Italian in the first round with a short left hook, he went all out in the third and tossed Tippy to sleep with a right uppercut.

Immediately afterward, Promoter Mike Jacobs, counting up a gross gate of \$58,508, announced that Bob Montgomery of Philadelphia and Chester Rico of New York would tangle in a 15-round bout on Jan. 8 in the first elimination bout of a tournament sponsored by the New York State Athletic Commission looking to a challenger "worthy" of taking a crack at Jack's "championship."

## Sports Mirror

By The Associated Press

Today A Year Ago—Sammy Angott scored easy 15-round decision over Lew Jenkins to win undisputed recognition world lightweight boxing champion.

Three Years Ago—Charley Gehring, Detroit Tigers second baseman, signed contract for 1940 season.

Five Years Ago—National Football League announced season attendance as 1,178,476, topping all previous records.

weekend with his mother and other relatives near Hope.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Ansel McIntosh, 3886 Lake Park Ave., Chicago, on December 13, a daughter, Rhoda Lee. The paternal grandmother, Mrs. McIntosh, who has been spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Dossa Webb in Los Angeles, has gone to Chicago to make the acquaintance of her new granddaughter. The McIntoshs are former residents of Hope.

Hospital Notes

W. H. Olmstead is a patient in the Julia Chester hospital friends will regret to know.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.  
Wide World Sports Columnist



New York, Dec. 19 (AP)—Things are threatening to pop in basketball circles hereabouts all because Fordham and N.Y.U. protested the eligibility of a couple of Brooklyn college players. . . . The question seems to be a bit academic, since it concerned only conflicting rules, but the coaches are ready to start blowing the whistle on one another and there's no telling where it may stop. . . . For years it's been an open secret that some of the coaches engaged in free-handed recruiting and that many players haven't availed to changing their names on Sundays to pick up a bit of cash. . . . As long as it wasn't too flagrant, nobody cared much, but now basketball definitely is in the big time and a successful team means real dough, the game seems to be suffering the same sort of growing pains that football felt in its earlier days. . . . Only eligibility battles seem out of place these days, when athletics for all is a popular motto and it's hard enough to round up a good team anyway.

Thumbs Down

The Blistered Thumb Brigade—Otherwise known as Bowlers—view with alarm the plan originated by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilman of Chicago, both top-flight pin topplers. They have a hard and fast household rule that the one with the sorest thumb has to wash the dinner dishes because they believe immersion in hot, soapy water helps relieve the soreness. . . . and to think how many Bowlers have used that sore-thumb alibi to get out of doing dishes so they'd have more

## Boise's Crew Good Team Says Leader

New York, Dec. 17 (AP)—The crew of the light cruiser U.S.S. Boise, which sank six Japanese warships in the Solomons in October, was described today as a "mootly functioning team" during the battle, with its captain, Edward J. (Mike) Moran, in the role of "coach."

The story of the Boise's action was told by Lieutenant Commander Thomas M. Wolverton, damage control officer of the ship, in an interview.

Later Commander Wolverton addressed a luncheon sponsored by the Drug and Cosmetic committee of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He was presented a plaque which he said would be hung aboard the cruiser.

Commander Wolverton said that in the midst of the fight, Captain Moran was notified a Jap shell had struck his cabin.

"Tell the Japs I am not at home tonight," the captain replied.

Asked how the engagement was broken, Wolverton replied: "It was an easy kind of action to break off—there were no more Jap ships left."

The officer said the Boise's crew could tell when Jap ships went down because they could see their propellers turning in the glare of their burning hulls.

At the luncheon, Commander Wolverton asserted that the crew of the Boise "has been well received by our countrymen. But they feel that we have done no more than millions of other American boys are doing and preparing to do right now."

Little Rock, Dec. 19. (AP)—John Douglas (Jack) Steele, 51, who managed the Little Rock Travelers during part of the 1928 season and in 1929, succumbed to a heart ailment yesterday.

Steele, as a scout for the Travelers, discovered Pitcher Fred Marberry who went to the American League to star after a season with Little Rock. Before joining the Travelers as a scout, Steele performed in the old Cotton States and West Texas leagues.

A native of Pine Bluff, Steele participated in more than a dozen major engagements in the last war as an officer of a machine gun unit. He was severely wounded and received five separate decorations for bravery and meritorious service.

His widow, mother, a daughter, two brothers and two sisters survive.

## Racing Permit Given Oaklawn Jockey Club

Little Rock, Dec. 19 —(AP)—The State Racing Commission granted the Oaklawn Jockey Club a permit today to conduct a 30-day horse racing meet at Hot Springs starting February 22.

## 1,500 Strikers Close Gas Mask Factory

Detroit, Dec. 19 —(AP)—The Eureka Vacuum Cleaner Company's plant here, engaged in making gas masks, was closed today when 1,500 employees, members of the Independent Mechanics Educational Society, went on strike.

## Today's Guest Star

Bill Diehl, Norfolk (Va.) Ledger-Dispatch: "One might even say that the Washington Club taught the football world the 'Bear' facts of life."

## Postman's Paragraph

Charley McMurtry, who is in a hospital recovering from injuries received in line of duty as AP correspondent with the Pacific Fleet, gives an idea of what the boys argue about in the occasional dull moments. . . . Writing to a New York Pal, McMurtry said: "If I'm still out here next summer, please mail me some National football schedules. We never knew who was playing who until three of four days later when the scores finally trickled in."

## Service Dept.

Pete Zagar, former Stanford U. tackle and discus thrower, is a motor instructor in the field artillery replacement center at Camp Roberts, Calif. Presumably, if a truck won't run, Pete can give a demonstration of how it's done—or else pick the thing up and toss it. . . . Y-2-C. Carol Anderson of the Jacksonville Fla., Naval Air Station says in hot-stoving the season's prize football plays, don't overlook that 98-yard affair Jacksonville pulled against Duke. It started with a forward pass from George McAfee to Bill Chipley and ended with Marty O'Hagan sprinting the last 65 yards after taking Chipley's lateral.

## Baseball also figured in the next three places in the final tabulation.

Larry French, the Brooklyn Dodger pitcher who won ten games before losing one, was ranked third with 40 points. Fourth went to Ernie Lombardi of the Boston Braves, who received 33 points on his achievement in returning to the National league batting championship. The St. Louis Browns were fifth with 29 points.

The voters mentioned a total of 51 teams and individuals on their ballots and some pointed out that the most glorious comeback of all was that of Eddie Rickenbacker, once a central figure in the auto racing sport.

## Rice Institute Becomes Owner of Oil Company

Houston, Texas, Dec. 19 —(AP)—\$1,000,000 Cashier's Check changed hands and Rice Institute became the owner of Rincin Oil Field Holdings that may make it one of the nation's wealthiest schools.

The payment was made by Rice Institute Trustees to J. L. Shepherd Jr., an Attorney who represented the First National Bank of Boston, the bank of Manhattan of New York, Harris and Trust Company of Chicago and the First National Bank of Oklahoma City, Okla.

The banks held liens on the property, formerly owned by the W. B. Davis Estate, and acquired it through a deed of trust executed Dec. 1.

Rice will pay \$5,165,000 for the property. Except for the \$1,000,000 cash payment, the debt will be paid by royalties from the field.

## Church News

### FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

West 4th and Ferguson

W. G. Galt, pastor.

Sunday School 10 a. m.

Regular Service 11 a. m.

Evening Service 7:30 p. m.

We will have our Annual Christmas program Tuesday night, Dec. 22.

The program will consist of special songs, readings and poems appropriate for the occasion.

The program will be in charge of Mrs. W. P. Graves.

The public is invited to attend.

### FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Millard W. Baggett, pastor.

8:45 a. m.—Bible School; Mr. Malcolm Porterfield, Superintendent.

10:50 a. m.—Morning worship; observance of the Lord's Supper; anthem by the choir: "Angels from the Realms of Glory." (Smart); sermon by the pastor, topic: "The Revelations of Christmas."

6:30 p. m.—Christian Endeavor Societies.

7:30 p. m.—Evening worship; "White Gift" service. Offerings of food, clothing, etc., wrapped in white, will be brought and placed at the foot of the lighted Cross, later to be distributed to the less fortunate of the community. There will be a vocal solo by Ted Jones: "There's A Song In The Air." (Harrington). The pastor will speak on the topic: "Wise Men, Then and Now."

7:30 p. m.—Thursday—a special Christmas Eve program, with Christmas Tree and treats for the children of the Beginners, Primary and Junior departments.

## Edward C. Spillers Now Flight Officer

San Angelo, Texas, Dec. 19.—Edward C. Spillers of Hope, staff sergeant bombardment pilot assisting in the training of America's future bombardiers at the San Angelo Army Air Field bombardier school here, lost his stripes Wednesday.

Which was perfectly all right with Spillers. For he was one of the first pilots in the nation to don the army's newest thing in insignia, the blue and gold bar of the "Flight Officer."

One of 39 staff sergeant pilots

## H. Armstrong's Comeback Rated Outstanding

New York, Dec. 19 —(AP)—The year's outstanding comeback in sports, in the opinion of writers throughout the country, was engineered by Henry Armstrong, one-time triple champion of the ring who has won 13 fights since he came out of retirement early in the summer.

Hamerling Hank's featured far ahead of all other comebacks by teams or individuals in the annual Associated Press poll of 86 sports editors. Fifty of the voters awarded the Californian one of the three places on their ballots, 22 of them naming him first, 17 second and 11 third.

Figured on the basis of three points for first, two for second and three for third, Armstrong collected 111 points in the voting, 45 more than his closest rival.

The second best comeback, the ballots showed, was that of the St. Louis Cardinals, who not only came from moping with a blistering stretch drive to nose out the Brooklyn Dodgers for the National League pennant but also walloped the New York Yankees in the World Series after dropping the open game.

Sixteen of the 86 voters placed the Cardinal feat at the top of the list and the Red Birds drew enough additional support for a total of 66 points.

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## Basketball Results

By The Associated Press

East

Fordham 53; Brooklyn College 45.

Villanova 29; Loyola 26.

Midwest

Oklahoma A & M 31; Wichita

West

Western Kentucky Teachers 57; Southern Illinois Normal 30.

Northwestern (Okla) State 45; Enid Army Flying School 36.

Arkansas 47; Springfield (M.) Teachers 31.

Fort Hays State 43; Bethany 13.

Southwestern (Kas) 44; Baker 33.

Algers Naval Station 22; Loyola (New Orleans) 59.

Mississippi State 44; Auburn 40.

Southwest

Texas Christian 39; San Antonio Aviators 24.

Louisiana State 62; Rice 60 (over-time).

Southern Methodist 44; East Texas State 38.

Texas 46; Randolph Field 42.

Arizona 58; Texas Mines 35.

Texas Wesleyan 61; West Texas State 57.

West

UCLA 41; San Francisco University 30.

Colorado College 36; Adams State Teachers 34.

Washington 45; Vancouver Ramblers 39.

who advanced to flight officers at the bombardier school Wednesday. Spillers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Spillers of Hope. A salesman in civilian life, he has seen army service at Chanute Field, Ill., in Panama and at Kelly Field and was promoted to Staff Sergeant Pilot last Sept. 6. He is a 1938 graduate of Hope High School.

## Few Dull Moments in Pursuing Rommel Across African Coast

Frank L. Martin, Jr., writer of the following dispatch, is the son of the late Dean Martin of the University of Missouri school of Journalism. A native of Missouri and a graduate from the University of Missouri, Martin joined the Associated Press staff at Shanghai, China, while touring the Orient. He had many adventures in news reporting in China before being transferred to the middle east.

## By FRA KL. MARTIN

With a United States Army Air Force advance striking force near El Agheila, Dec. 13 —(Delayed)—(AP)—American P-40s—fighter planes and fighter-bombers—turned on the heat today, bombing and strafing the enemy wherever he was observed in concentrations in this region and on the road as far as the Marble Arch landing grounds.

Hundreds of planes were on the ground only long enough to refuel and load bombs.

(Since this dispatch was filed, Britain's Eighth Army has broken through the Nazis' El Agheila line and it was announced in Cairo today, now is "well west" of it. This may mean also that it is beyond the German desert spot which the British dubbed "marble arch." It was 40 miles west of El Agheila.)

Most dive-bombing missions were against the road beyond El Agheila where an enemy transport was seen moving away from the position Nazi Field Marshal Rommel had been expected to defend tenaciously.

Many trucks were caught in a jam between El Agheila and Marble Arch and were exploded or left burning by the fighter-bombers in their hour-by-hour attack on

the coast road to Tripoli. Several hundred Americans, chiefly ground crewmen, at this forward base saw one of the most spectacular close-up scenes of war produced when a lone, daring enemy raider attempted to sneak over the air base.

I just had heard Lieut. Marvin J. Wanamaker of Kansas City, Mo., remark to Ordnance Officer Lieut. Harry Redmond of Roseland, N. J., that "at least, there's never a dull moment here."

At that moment a burst from a spitfire warned the camp that the enemy was near.

Swarms of mechanics climbing down from planes and looking toward the misty overcast saw a JU-88 bomber roar down in a dive, Redmond raced to a nearby machine-gun and opened fire as anti-aircraft shells flashed from scores of guns around the field.

The German plane was coming out of the clouds too low to drop bombs. He flew directly over the landing runways only 100 yards high and began to pull up toward the clouds and a safe sky. A flash



# British Bent on Destroying Axis Forces in Africa



By DEWITT MACKENZIE

Outflanking movement by Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery which cut off a portion of Marshal Rommel's rear guard is a grim reminder that the British commander is bent on the destruction of Axis forces rather than merely on the quick acquisition of territory.

"Annihilation" is a boastful term Hitler repeatedly has applied to these very same tactics, which he has used so frequently ever since the war started. It's the German thesis that the way to win wars is by killing the enemy on the battlefield. There's no use routing an army if it is able to reorganize and fight you again. That's sound logic and the Nazi all - highest can't complain now when he has a dish of it thrown in his own face.

By his magnificent flanking operation General Montgomery made part of the Axis army stand and fight. That is exactly what he wanted and the annihilation of any part of these forces by death or capture would render any later defense by Rommel just so much more difficult.

The British commander again performed a hat trick, for this outflanking movement was no ordinary affair but as difficult as one could imagine.

In order to keep out of sight and to preserve secrecy, the encircling troops actually moved with their equipment through precipitous and dangerous gorges which had not even been fully explored.

I recently passed through similar wadis and one feels like a fly crawling along the side of a canyon. The greatest credit is due the commanding officer of this unit and his men. It is a feat that long will be sung in Allied camps.

There is another point of vital importance to be noted in connection with this sensational Axis retreat. The course of the battle continues to be influenced heavily by the destruction of enemy communications and supplies. British and American air forces, day and night, are bombing air bases and transport on land and sea.

The result is that operations of the Axis air fleet have been heavily restricted because of the destruction of supplies and gasoline. This weakness in air protection, of course, renders fleeing Axis troops vulnerable to onslaughts by British and American medium bombers and fighter planes. Rommel's line of retreat is said to be strewn with dead and wounded and shattered equipment.

One of the gravest dangers faced by the Axis in both Tripolitania and Tunisia is the Allied aerial onslaught against the ports of Tripoli and Tunis.

Tripoli already has been rendered impotent either for receipt of supplies and reinforcements or as an avenue for expanse by sea. Thus Tunis is virtually the sole hope of the Axis and it looks like a slim one.

Should Hitler make any effort to rescue his troops by sea through Tunis he certainly would be inviting catastrophe. Not only would his convoys come under the bombardment of the Allied air fleet, but British submarines would have a field day.

Thus the Hitlerian forces seem to be well bottled up in northern Africa. Their safety must depend largely on their own ingenuity. All

## Meet Little

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der last spring, but hit the Japanese on the flank along the Bay of Bengal.

While the scope of the present operation was not immediately apparent, the ultimate United Nations' aim is to reconquer Burma and reopen the Burma road, permitting the resumption of large-scale shipments of war supplies to China.

There have been reports recently that the Japanese were massing in Burma for a renewal of the drive along the Burma road to Kunming through Yunnan province of China.

The British advance may be intended to divert the Japanese from such an action as well as to forestall an assault against India from Akyab towards Chittagong.

Somewhere in India is Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, the United States commander of Chinese troops during the Burma campaign, who came out of Burma on foot conceding that he had taken a "hell of a beating," but determined that it would be reconquered.

Stilwell, who is now chief of staff of Allied forces in China, has been training new units to participate in the reopening of the land route to China. American forces — mainly air and supply units — have been participating in these preparations.

Last June the British Indian forces were augmented by the arrival of the largest military convoy to leave Britain before the North African occupation armada.

The United States air forces in India likewise have been reinforced with constant streams of fliers and supplies.

Meanwhile the RAF has been patrolling and bombing Japanese objectives almost daily damaging ports, airfields and military installations.

Recently along the Bengal border the Japanese have been making sorties, indicating they were trying to establish themselves for an eventual attempt to extend the initial Burma conquest.

## Answers to

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promoted may be paid a salary within the salary range previously paid to individuals occupying the advanced position — without official review.

Also, the War Labor Board has said that women employees may be raised to the pay levels of men doing the same kind of work.

But when in doubt, get approval. The penalties under the pay controls are stiff. If an employer pays an amount in violation of the regulations, the entire amount of all wage, salary and bonus payments involved — not just the excess — will be added to his profits for purposes of taxation.

Chewing gum — The WPB says heavily increased demand (including heavy purchases by the armed forces) is a principal factor in the current shortage of chewing gum.

Other factors are sugar rationing and difficulty in getting the gum base, which normally comes from Mexico, Central and South America, the Malay peninsula and the East Indies. The war has cut off the Oriental supply, and shipping space from Latin America is scarce.

## Our Daily Bread

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Lady has pointed out that while truly she finds enjoyment in her peregrinations, "no trip is taken without a serious object in view."

The objects, she says, all tend to use her talents in such ways as are open to her. She adds:

"I know many people will disagree with me as to what I think is useful. . . . However, one must live according to one's own lights."

In time of war, few are so fortunate as to live according to their "own lights." Most of us have to conform — or else.

Goodbye, WPA

The President is to be commended for ordering liquidation of the WPA. The average person will pay his enormous taxes with better grace, and will accept necessary employment regimentation with less resentment now that this agency is on the way out.

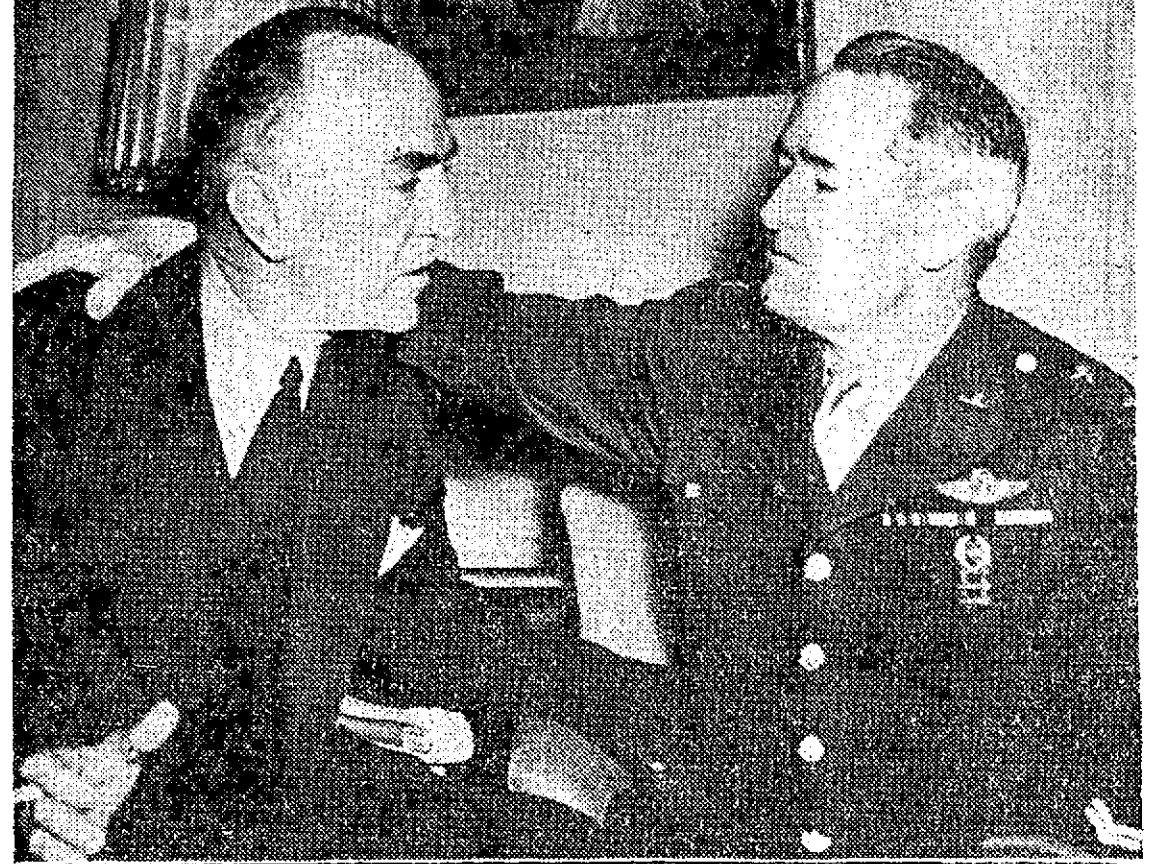
For its purpose, when it was created, the WPA was one of the soundest experiments of the emergency relief era. It served the double purpose of giving the taxpayers some return for their money, and of helping to preserve the self-respect of those receiving relief.

Long hair was worn by Buffalo Bill and the other Indian fighters as a matter of honor. They believed that their Indian captor was entitled to a respectable scalplock — if he captured them.

of which gives further backing to the theory that the feehrer has assigned them to sacrifice themselves in a holding operation which will permit him to regain his defenses on the continent.

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## Rickenbacker Back in U. S.



Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, left and Major General Barney Giles in San Francisco as Rickenbacker stopped to chat enroute to Washington to report on the Pacific situation to War Secretary Stimson.

## FRANTIC FESTIVAL

By EDMUND FANCOTT

THE STORY: Myra Mack and Fay Rathbone, two Montreal girls, are invited to spend their Christmas vacations as guests of eccentric Ferdy Lorton, an artist who has a cottage in the snow-capped Laurentian Mountains. Knowing Ferdy's habit of picking up a strange assortment of companions, Myra wonders whether she should invite Fay to the cottage.

## Chapter II

MEET BEANO

THE door of the office showed a sign more pretentious than the exterior of the office, which was one of many in a large but not very modern building.

The sign read:

BENNY BRIEN

Theatrical Agent

There was a light behind the glass of the window although it was past Benny Brien's usual hour of closing. Benny Brien was a small man and plump, hiding a hard heart under a soft exterior.

He was addressing an apologetic giant over twice his size with the air of a father admonishing his son.

"No, Beano. If it was honest I'd help you. Ten years I booked your business and never made a penny more than 25 per cent out of you."

"Three times when you were with me I fixed it for you. Three times champion of the world, and the circuits I got you brought you more than you ever had to pay out to be champion."

The other man fiddled with his derby. "I know, Benny, you was a pal to me all through."

"A pal," exclaimed Benny. "And what did I get for it? The Maxo outfit offered to put you back in the wrestling game for a 15 per cent cut and where are you now? You got the blame and they got the dough. All washed up, and then you come to Benny to help you out."

The other waited patiently. "Listen, Benny, I ain't washed up. I got 50 grand in my pocket and I want to give you 25 for what you have done for me in the past."

Benny snorted. "Fifty grand! Hot ice. Why if the cops walked in here and found you with them diamonds on you we'd both get 20 years in the penitentiary, you for having 'em and me for knowing it. And me as innocent as a newborn babe."

Beano sighed. "Listen, Benny. I didn't steal 'em. I was only in Rafferty's when Bretto rushes in and says to me, 'Hold dis for me till I get back.' But he never got back, the boys got him outside and when they searched him for the ice they couldn't find it. Then the cops got them and gave 'em the chair, so you see, Benny, I came by them honest."

"Honest?" snorted Benny. "I'll bet the insurance dicks are sniffing your trail right now, not to mention the cops."

"That's it," said Beano. "All I want to do is lay up in a nice quiet circuit for a couple of months up in Canada and it's a cinch. Fifty grand ain't hay, Benny."

"Hello," said Benny. "Oh, yes, sure, yeah, sure I believe in Christ-

mas. Sure, a good time was had by all, the kids like it, too, but I got a business. Skiing. Sure I like it. . . . on the movies. How's that girl with the dead pan, yeah, Mack, that's the name. Maybe I will at that. Couple of days, maybe. Busy time, New Year's, got a couple of shows lined up. Sure I'll be up. O. K. if I bring a friend?"

Beano's eyes twinkled with hope. Benny set the receiver down.

"What do you think about that?" he said to Beano. "That's the best artist in Canada, that is, real artist, I mean, not an act. Asking me up for Christmas week. Swell place up where they all ski. Maybe I can do something for you, Beano."



"Aw, Benny," protested Beano. "I don't want to be a Santa Claus. Kids bother me. I just want to go to Canada for a while and then I'm going to finish my correspondence course in Physical Education. Maybe I can get a job in one of them colleges."

## Market Report

ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK

National Stockyards, Ill., Dec. 19 — (AP) — (U. S. Dept. Agr.) — Hogs, 600; slowly steady in clean - up trade; good and choice 180 - 280 lbs. 14.30-35; top 14.35; 140 - 200 lbs. 13.50 - 14.10; sows quotable 13.50-70; with low medium weights 13.70; compared close last week; mostly 40 to 50 higher; sows 35-40 higher.

Cattle, 75; calves, 550; compared with close of last week steers 14.75 down; steady; other steers 25 lower; top for week yearlings 15.75; matured steers 15.25; mixed yearlings 13.75; heifers 14.50; bulk medium and good steers 11.75-14.85; medium and good heifers 10.50 - 13.50; common and medium cows 9.00 - 11.00; replacement steers 11.00-90.

Sheep, no receipts; compared Friday last week; lambs and yearlings mostly 75 to 1.00 lower; ewes 50 to 1.00 higher; top prices for week, wooled lambs 15.50; wooled yearlings 14.25; clipped yearlings 13.50; slaughter ewes 8.00; bulk prices good and choice wooled lambs 14.50 - 15.00; late sales mostly 14.50; medium to good 13.25-14.50; cull and common 9.00-11.00; three doubles good and choice clipped southwest lambs 15.00; bulk good and choice wooled yearlings 13.25-14.00; late sales 13.25 down; clipped yearlings 13.00-50; most good and choice ewes 9.50-50.

NEW YORK STOCKS

New York, Dec. 19 — (AP) — Mild irregularity persisted in today's stock market as further profits were cashed on Thursday's big rally.

The direction was indefinite at the opening. Activity in low - priced issues fell off appreciably although picking up elsewhere, small fractional variations either way ruled near the close. Numerous stocks held at Friday's final levels. Transfers for the two hours were around 400,000 shares.

Inflation thinking, resulting partly from the recent O.P.A. shakedown, remained as a prop for individual pivots and generally encouraging war news kept Wall Street cheerful. There was an inclination, however, to hold commitments light for the usual week-end protection. Tax offerings against dwindled and the opinion was expressed by some observers that such year - end account adjustments were approaching the finish. Hopeful business prospects aided certain favorites but were ignored by others.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Chicago, Dec. 19 — (AP) — Wheat prices reached new five-year highs today with gains of fractions to more than a cent a bushel. Corn and rye registered similar upturns

to best quotations for the past several months.

Grain market buying which centered on December delivery contracts, trading in which ceases after Tuesday, came from dealers covering previous short sales and from mills and other commercial interests apparently seeking actual grain, supplies of which have been inadequate in many markets - recently to satisfy enlarged demand.

Wheat closed 1.2-1.3-3.8 cents higher than yesterday, December \$1.36 7-8, May \$1.36 5-8-3-4; corn 3-4-1.8 higher, December 80 1-4, May 92 3-4-78; oats 18-38 up; soybeans 78-1 higher; rye 5-8-11-8 higher.

Wheat Dec. — high, 1.37; low, 1.3 5-3-8 close, 1.36 7-8. May — high, 1.36 7-8; low, 1.35 7-8; close, 1.36 5-8-3-4.

Corn Dec. — high, 80 1-4; low, 80 1-2; close, 80 1-4.

May — high, 92 7-8; low, 92, close, 92 3-4-7-8.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Dec. 19 — (AP) — Cotton futures registered gains of as much as 35 cents a bale in active trading today.

Futures closed 5 to 35 cents a bale higher.

Jan.—closed, 18.94n  
Feb.—opened, 18.96; closed, 18.94  
Mar.—opened, 18.85; closed, 18.85  
Apr.—opened, 18.75; closed, 18.74  
May—opened, 18.68; closed, 18.68  
Dec.—opened, 18.68; closed, 18.68n  
Middling spot 20.00n; up 3  
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The Ploughshare is the loser—  
Again beaten into sword . . .  
Converted pleasure cruiser  
Goes down—all hands on board . . .

The Christmas Tree is blacked out,  
Although gaudy with real snow . . .  
Enemy bombers "acked out"  
Of flight in a fiery glow . . .

Sidewalk Santas weld a tank  
And no longer laugh with kids . . .  
Junior is a Fighting Yank—  
Putting Hitler on the skids . . .

Tinsel trim now solders wires,  
And the tinted Jap-made lights  
Are replaced by bomb-made fires  
Dropped on Nippon from great heights . . .

But you can bet your boot-straps  
When this Christmas Eve comes 'round,  
That each boy fighting Nazi-Japs  
In the air, on sea or ground—  
That freedom fighters everywhere  
Will offer up a silent prayer  
For Peace on Earth—Good Will to Men.

—Anonymous

With the hoppiness and freedom of the world "blacked out" by ugly war, we are all striving, night and day, to speed victory . . . That's why this Christmas, above all others, I send you the oldest and finest wish of the world—"Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

It would be out of place to wish you a prosperous year next year, but may you have the satisfaction that comes from accepting and discharging well the duties and responsibilities that shall come to you in 1943.

Yours sincerely,

# Roy Anderson

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